The outlay for Railways in the Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been received from the Planning Commission.

(c) The Railways plan allocation for 1985-86 has been fixed at Rs. 1650 crores.

Demands of D.T.C Workers' Union

923. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.T.C Workers' Union at a convention held on the 19th July, 1985 at Delhi demanded immediate payment of interim relief and implementation of other demands suggested by the high level Committee appoined by Government and agreed to;

(b) what are the details of such demands suggested by the high level Committee; and

(c) what action has been taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The DTC Workers' Union in their Convertion held on 19th July have asked for immediate payment of interim relief and implementation of the recommendations of High Level Committee, as listed in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No, 24] The action taken therein has been listed. The question of grant of interim relief is also being examined.

Repair of old Railway Bridges

924. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of old rail bridges which need repair;

(b) what is the nature of repairs to be undertaken;

(c) what is estimated cost of such repairs;

(d) whether Government are aware that masonary structures and foundations have developed fissures and cracks, and whether Government propose to repair these by modern methods of resin injection, grouting concrete collar supports etc. which increase considerably the life of the bridge and ensure safety of passengers; and

(e) whether Government are undertaking such repair expenditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADRAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As a result of periodical inspections, 1483 bridges have been identified which require either rebuilding or rehabilitation by way of jacketting of piers, interning of arches, epoxy grouting, regirdering etc.

(c) Rs. 250 crores approximately.

(d) and (e) All the Railway bridges are inspected annually at the level of officers. The repair as considered necessary are carried out promptly. Modern metheods of repair such as jacketting, interning of arches and epoxy grouting etc. are also used where found necessary.